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SUBJECT: OULD DADDAH AND KING HASSAN DISCUSS SAHARA

REF: RABAT 5939

1. MAURITANIAN PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH VISITED MOROCCO DEC 9-10, AND HAD TALKS WITH KING HASSAN IN FES. DADDAH'S PARTY INCLUDED FON MIN MOUKNASS AND MIN OF PLANNING AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT SIDI OULD CHEIKH ABDELLAI.

2. JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED DEC 10 INDICATED THAT TALKS HAD CENTERED ON SAHARA AND ON BROADENING OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. (PRESS NOTED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE DISCUSSED IN CONTEXT GRIM-GOM COOPERATION). COMMUNIQUE CHARACTERIZED TALKS AS HAVING TAKEN PLACE IN FRATERNAL CLIMATE OF MUTUAL
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CONFIDENCE AND AS MARKING A NEW STAGE IN RELATIONS.

3. COMMENT: WARM TONE OF COMMUNIQUE AND PROMINENT MEDIA ATTENTION DEVOTED TO DADDAH VISIT IN KEEPING WITH IMAGE OF MOROCCAN-MAURITANIAN SOLIDARITY GOM HAS BEEN CULTIVATING IN CONNECTION WITH MOROCCO'S SAHARA POLICY. AT SAME TIME, MOROCCANS SEEM TO BE MAKING AN EFFORT TO IMPROVE RELATIONS IN GENERAL WITH MAURITANIA, AS WITNESS PRESENCE IN BOTH DELEGATIONS OF OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC STRESS LAID ON BROADENING OF COOPERATION.
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